

**Halifax Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 3, 2021**

On Wednesday, a meeting of the Halifax Board of Health was held at the Halifax Town Hall.

Present at the meeting were:

Steven MacFaun, Chair
Pamela Engstrom, Co-Chair
Candice Greene, Clerk
Robert Valery, Health Agent
Kelly Dwyer, Secretary

Area 58 was present to film the meeting in The Selectmen Meeting Room.

The Board of Health opened at 6:36pm.

1. Disposal Works Permits:

- a. Ratify Agent's Approval
 - i. 114 South Street

A Motion was made to ratify agent's approval of 114 South Street.

**Motion: Pamela Engstrom
Second: Candice Greene
Unanimous vote on the motion**

- ii. 258 Elm Street

- 1. Agent suggested that The Board wait to vote until over revisions are received. Carry over.

2. Discussion Items:

- a. 163 Plymouth Street

- i. Agent stated that he attended court with Town Counsel regarding this property. However, it was postponed until January 10th, 2021. The next court date will assess the fines against David Fox/Michael O'Donnell and Fannie Mae. Fox/O'Donnell has not appeared at court.

b. Admin Report:

- i. I/A Systems: Receiving new contracts daily.
 - 1. Admin. Assistant continues to receive contracts.

c. Agent Report:

- i. COVID update
 - 1. Agent stated that the COVID run rate for the last two weeks is 5.97%, which is a slight jump. Household spread remains a factor as the public battles this variant.
 - ii. Storm update
 - 1. Agent offered words of advice for the residents and public; always plan and prepare. If there is a potentially dangerous storm hitting your area,

necessities should be gathered in preparation such as water, gas, food etc. if possible. In the event of emergency, the proper vital service members need to be able to get to the affected person/home. Agent observed high volume traffic for gas stations and Dunkin Donuts and suggests preparing before the storm to allow for the first responders, electricians, tree removal workers and so forth to assist in the storm. Planning and preparing ensures safety for the residents and the crews that are crucial during storms. He noted that a maintenance worker helped remove trees during the storm and was dragged by a car that hit the branch he was helping with. Assess what is important, do not be selfish, and always plan and prepare.

a. 15 Rosewood Drive

- i. Agent updated that during the storm, a tree struck the home located in the Mobile Home Estates and created a gaping hole. The water and electricity are shut off, however Agent has concerns that she is attempting to remain in the home. The Council on Aging director Darlene Regan was able to secure the owner 10 days in a hotel, however she has not agreed to it yet.
 1. The Board discussed their concerns for the owner and her pet as the conditions of the home are unsafe based on the tree but also the lack of electricity, heat and running water make it completely unfit for human habitation.
 2. Agent updated that he has visited the property multiple times and will return, but suggested the Board vote to declare the home unfit for human habitation, allowing him and the police to perform a wellness check.

A Motion was made to declare 15 Rosewood Drive uninhabitable based on the storm damage and current conditions.

Motion: Candice Greene
Second: Pamela Engstrom
Unanimous vote on the motion

3. The Following to be signed:

a. Payroll for the Week Ending November 06, 2021

- i. Robert Valery, Health Agent
- ii. Margaret Selter, Administrative Assistant
- iii. Kelly Dwyer, Secretary
- iv. Brian Kling, Animal Inspector

A Motion was made to approve payroll for the week ending November 6, 2021.

Motion: Pamela Engstrom
Second: Candice Greene
Unanimous vote on the motion

b. Meeting Minutes: *Sign and Vote to Approve.*

- i. October 20, 2021, Meeting Minutes.

A Motion was made to approve the October 20, 2021 meeting minutes.

Motion: Pamela Engstrom

Second: Candice Greene

Unanimous vote on the motion

c. Revolving Account# 25-513 – FY 22-07

- i. Spath Engineering:

1. Invoice# 102321-743 - Plan Review – 258 Elm St. - \$85.00.

A Motion was made to approve Invoice# 102321-743.

Motion: Pamela Engstrom

Second: Candice Greene

Unanimous vote on the motion

d. Permits: (*With condition all required documents are submitted to the Board of Health office*)

- i. **Ratify Agents Approval**

1. Walmart # 2128 – 2022 Food Establishment Permit

2. Santoro's Pizza – 2021 Food Establishment Permit (late fee)

A Motion was made to ratify Agent's Approval for Permits 1-2.

Motion: Pamela Engstrom

Second: Candice Greene

Unanimous vote on the motion

e. Mail Folder: Board Read.

- i. Franklin Street, M104, L05 – Form A Distribution

Adjournment

A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Motion: Pamela Engstrom

Second: Candice Greene

Unanimous vote on the motion

Typed by,
Kelly Dwyer, Secretary



Steven MacFaun, Chair



Pamela Engstrom, Co-Chair



Candice Greene, Clerk